



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Pilliar et al
Appl. No. : 10/617,358
5 Filed : July 11 2003
Title : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OF POROUS INORGANIC
STRUCTURES AND INFILTRATION WITH ORGANIC POLYMERS
Grp./A.U. : 2616
Examiner : Lopez, Carlos N.
10 Docket No. : 14396

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

20 In response to the Restriction Requirement issued by the
Examiner on August 2, 2006, the following is submitted:

The Restriction is set forth at page 2 of this response; and
An election without traverse and remarks begin at page 3 of
25 this response.

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The Restriction

The Examiner has required an election between the claims of Group I, including claims 1-46 drawn to a method of making porous inorganic material and the claims of Group II, including claims 47-80, directed to an inorganic polymer composite and or an open pore inorganic structure. The reason for the restriction is that Groups I and II are believed by the Examiner to be distinct as he states that the product can be made by a differenct process.

10 Further, the Examiner states that the claims of Group I are classified in Class 264, subclases 43, while the claims of Group II would be classified in Class 623, subclass 11.11.

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Election and Remarks

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, including
5 claims 1-46 without traverse.

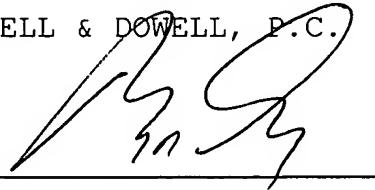
Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney for purposes of further expediting this application.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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